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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 1/31/06.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 8-12, 14, 16-20, 24-28, renumbering as 1-20, respectively.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

BRENDA PHAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Brenda Pham 3-6-06

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark R. Kendrick, Reg. No. 48,468 on March 6, 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 5, 13 and 21 canceled.

Claim 4 is deleted in entirely and is replaced it with the following:

"A method of increasing a transmission rate, comprising:

waiting a poll time for an event to occur;

determining whether a pause frame has been received after waiting the poll time;

determining whether a minimum of an inter-frame spacing (IFS) has been reached if the pause frame has not been received; and

decreasing the inter-frame spacing for a number of frames by a value if the minimum of the inter-frame spacing has not been reached to increase the transmission rate."

Claim 9 is deleted in entirely and is replaced it with the following:

“An input/output controller, comprising:
a receiver circuit to determine whether a pause frame has been received; and
a logic circuit adapted to wait a pause time specified by the pause frame, to
determine whether a maximum of an inter-frame spacing (IFS) has been reached if the
pause frame has been received, and to increase the inter-frame spacing by a value if
the maximum of the inter-frame spacing has not been reached to reduce a transmission
rate.”

Claim 12 is deleted in entirely and is replaced it with the following:

“An input/output controller, comprising:
a receiver circuit to determine whether a pause frame has been received after a
packet count value has been reached; and
a logic circuit adapted to wait a poll time for an event to occur before the receiver
circuit determines whether the pause frame has been received, to determine whether a
minimum of an inter-frame spacing (IFS) has been reached if the pause frame has not
been received, and to decrease the inter-frame spacing for a number of frames by a
value if the minimum of the inter-frame spacing has not been reached to train a
transmission rate.”

Claim 20 is deleted in entirely and is replaced it with the following:

"A program code storage device, comprising:
a machine-readable storage medium; and
machine-readable program code, stored on the machine-readable storage
medium, having instructions, which when executed cause a computer to wait a poll time
for an event to occur;
determine whether a pause frame has been received after a packet count value
has been reached and after waiting the poll time,
determine whether a minimum of an inter-frame spacing (IFS) has been reached
if the pause frame has not been received, and
decrease the inter-frame spacing for a number of frames by a value if the
minimum of the inter-frame spacing has not been reached to increase a transmission
rate."

Conclusion

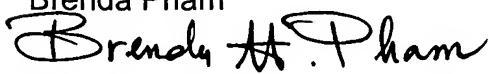
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin, can be reached on (571) 272-3134.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

March 6, 2006

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